

Markup Day 3, May 16, 2013 - Amendments Offered

Amendment	Summary	Vote
Hirono 4	provides for the eligibility of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for designation for participation in the visa waiver program for certain visitors to the United States.	Passed by a 14-4 vote.
Grassley 71	limits the duration of Irish E-3 program to Sep 30, 2015; imposes LCA requirement on Irish E-3 nonimmigrants; restores State Department concurrence to 212(d)(3) nonimmigrant waivers for E-3 Irish; divides 10,500 quota equally into specialty occupation, high school diploma or equivalent, and those with 3 years experience; imposes fee of \$300 per principal, and \$300 per dependent; and other restrictions.	Withdrawn
Leahy 2	makes permanent the EB-5 regional center program and makes other changes to the program.	Passed by a voice vote
Grassley 76	requires that the electronic system to monitor the presence and employment of W nonimmigrants is fully implemented prior to the admission of W nonimmigrants.	Withdrawn
Schumer 5	makes technical and other changes to the W visa program in the areas including in certain definitions, use and maintenance of the registry, recruitment process, wage calculations and electronic monitoring.	Passed by voice vote
Cornyn 9	eliminates discrimination against the construction industry.	Withdrawn
Whitehouse 1	provides for qualified startup accelerators with respect to nonimmigrant INVEST visas, and for other purposes.	Passed by voice vote
Lee 18	increases the number of W nonimmigrant visas available during each fiscal year.	Withdrawn
Lee 19	limits certain complaints to W nonimmigrants.	Withdrawn
Franken 2	requires annual accuracy audits by DHS OIG. Would limit civil penalties to \$1,000 in any year after an error rate above 0.26% was found.	Passed by voice vote.
Grassley 31	requires USCIS to provide weekly reports to ICE about non-confirmations.	Passed by voice vote.
Coons 1	requires the Secretary to develop protocols to notify individuals that a query for the individual has been processed through the Employment Verification System and to submit other queries.	Passed by voice vote.
Grassley 38	establishes a program that allows parents to limit the use of their children's social security numbers to prevent identity theft.	Passed by voice vote.
Grassley 29	requires all employers to use the Employment Verification System not later than 18 months after date of enactment.	Failed by a vote of 5-13
Franken 4	provides for the establishment of the Office of the Small Business and Employee Advocate.	Passed by a voice vote
Grassley 35	delays the preemption of State and local laws relating to employment eligibility verification until all employers are required to use the Employment Verification System.	Failed by a vote of 5-13
Blumenthal 18	prohibits withholding of employment records as an unfair immigration-related employment practice.	Passed by a voice vote
Lee 15	requires intent in certain prohibitions on discrimination based on national origin or citizenship status.	Failed by a vote of 6-12
Whitehouse 3	prohibits the use of the Employment Verification System to re-verify employment authorization of an employee from another employer's workforce if there is substantial continuity in the business of operations of the predecessor and successor employers.	Withdrawn
Grassley 34	amends 18 U.S.C. 1028 to make document fraud (knowingly transferring, possessing, or using, without lawful authority, a means of identification that is not their own) a crime punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment if such offense is committed to facilitate or assist in harboring or hiring unauthorized workers.	Failed by a vote of 8-10
Grassley 36	requires that an attestation as to an individual's identity for purposes of work authorization under section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act be made by the individual's parent or legal guardian.	Passed by voice vote